



New Jersey Department of Children and Families Policy Manual

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Section	5	Special physical facility and monitoring requirements to prevent child abuse and/or neglect (N.J.A.C. 10:122-5.5)	

§10:122-5.5 Special physical facility and monitoring requirements to prevent child abuse and/or neglect

(a) At least five foot-candles of natural or artificial light shall be provided in all rooms used by children during naptime. The illumination shall be measured three feet above the floor at the farthest point from the light source.

(b) Doors in all interior rooms designated for use by children shall remain unlocked.

(c) For rooms and/or areas used by children, except as specified in (e) below, the following monitoring requirements shall apply:

1. The center shall equip every room or area designated for use by children, except for kitchen and toilet facilities, with one of the following options in order to promote maximum visibility and/or audibility:
 - i. A centrally supervised audio or visual monitoring system;
 - ii. Uncovered and unobstructed glass panels and/or two-way mirrors that comprise at least 10 percent of the square footage of one interior wall, provided that such panels/mirrors are not in conflict with applicable provisions of the NJUCC and/or the NJUFC;
 - iii. Security mirror(s) in hallways that reflect activities in the room(s) used by children;
 - iv. At least one interior door leading to every room designated for use by children, which shall meet one of the following conditions, provided that such conditions are not in conflict with applicable provisions of the NJUCC and/or the NJUFC:
 - (1) Be left open;
 - (2) Have uncovered and unobstructed windows or cutouts;

(3) Be a dutch door variety, with the top half open; or

(4) Be removed; or

v. Any other Office of Licensing-approved monitoring system or equipment that provides equivalent visibility and audibility.

(d) Toilet facility requirements are as follows:

1. For existing centers that have only one toilet facility, or for existing centers that have more than one toilet facility, but where all toilets have been counted in determining the maximum number of children who can be served per session, the center shall ensure that staff members and/or other adults who use the toilet facility for their own toileting needs do so only:

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